



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
January 11, 2007 Regular Board Meeting
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California

Item 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Nahai at 9:17 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair H. David Nahai, Vice Chair Fran Diamond, Bonny Herman, Mary Ann Lutz, Brad Mindlin, Maribel Marin, Leo Vander Lans, and Dick Richardson

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jonathan Bishop, Deborah Smith, David Bacharowski, Ronji Harris, Jack Price, Stephen Cain, Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski, David Hung, Raul Medina, Don Tsai, Michael Levy, Jennifer Fordyce, Samuel Unger, Ejigu Solomon, Paula Rasmussen, Hugh Marley, Ivar Ridgeway, Mazhar Ali, Cassandra Owens, Dixon Oriola

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Mr. Phil Phillips, Pepperdine University	Mr. Rhicunnun Peggitter, Pepperdine University
Mr. William Van Wagoner, L.A. DPW	Ms. Roberta Larson, Somach, Simmons & Dunn
Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District	Mr. Paul Liu, L.A. Department of Public Works
Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Santa Monica Baykeeper	Mr. Jeff Bouste, L.A. Department of Public Works
Mr. Matt Bequette, City of Los Angeles	Ms. Uzi Daniel, West Basin MWD
Mr. Kris Flaig, City of Los Angeles	Mr. Conner Everts, POWER
Ms. Jill Gravender, Environment Now	

Item 2. Chairs Award Presentation. The Chairs Award was presented to Mr. Samuel Unger, Chief in the Regional Programs section for his outstanding contributions and accomplishments for TMDLs and CEQA in the Los Angeles Regional Board's jurisdiction.

A Resolution was presented to Ms. Ruth Berger, the widow of the late Mr. Steve Berger, a Los Angeles Regional Board employee in the Site Cleanup II Unit, for his outstanding contribution to Water Quality in the Los Angeles Region.

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Item 3. Election of Officers.

MOTION: To elect Vice Chair Fran Diamond as Chair and Board Member Mary Ann Lutz as Vice Chair for 2007.

First: Board Member Bonny Herman
Second: Board Member F.W. Dick Richardson
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Order of Agenda.

- Item 15, Mandatory Minimum Penalty against County Sanitation Districts to be continued to a future meeting.

MOTION: To approve the order of agenda.

First: Board member Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Vice Chair Fran Diamond
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 5. Approval of December 14, 2006 draft meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To adopt the December 14, 2006 draft meeting Minutes.

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz
Second: Board member David Nahai
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 6. Board Member Communications.

There were no communications reported that constitute the Ex Parte Communications disclosures.

Item 7. Executive Officers Report

Report given by Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer, and posted on the Board's website:
www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html .

Item 7.a. Board Checklist.

There was no discussion or questions regarding the Board Checklist.

Item 7.b. Report from State Board.

The Executive Officer introduced Mr. Gary Wolff, State Board's Vice Chair. Mr. Wolff indicated that he is not acting as the State Board liaison, but is making an effort to visit the Regional

Board's to talk with Regional Board staff to get a consensus of the environmental problems that are facing each Regional Board. In addition, Mr. Wolff expressed his interest in hearing the Recycled water issue discussion at today's hearing.

Item 6. Public Forum.

Speakers:

- Ms. Sharon Rubalcava, Weston Benshoof
- Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay

Item 7. Uncontested Items Calendar.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Items 9, 10, 10.a, 11, 12

First: Board Member Brad Mindlin

Second: Board Member Maribel Marin

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 13.a, 13.b City of Los Angeles (Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant) and 14.a, 14.b City of Los Angeles (Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant) Waste Discharge Requirements and Water Recycling Requirements

Opening Introduction:

Ms. Deborah Smith, Chief Deputy Executive Officer

- Discussions between the City of Los Angeles and Regional Board staff on water quality objectives for the plants

Staff Report.

Ms. Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski, Municipal Permitting Unit Chief

- Gave background information clarifying how the L.A. Glendale permit differs from the Tillman permit
- No Groundwater monitoring was required for either of the permits
- Both plants generate recycled water that services for many uses
- The chloride limit increased from 150 mg/l to 190 mg/l at Tillman
- The City believes the limits should be modified to 190 mg/l and a revision was granted by Regional Board staff with the proposed modification
- Thirty percent of all recycled water occurs within this region
- Talked about the outstanding issues that have not been resolved
- The City argues that ground water recharge should not be applied
- The City recommends that a prohibition be added to both permits
- The City recommended increases of chloride concentrations

Public Comment:

- Ms. Nancy Sutley, City of Los Angeles (opposed to the waste discharge requirements)
- Mr. William Van Wagoner, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (opposed to the waste discharge requirements)
- Ms. Shahrouzeh Sanieie, City of Los Angeles (opposed to the waste discharge requirements)
- Ms. Roberta Larson, Water Reuse Association (opposed to the waste discharge requirements)
- Mr. Conner Everts, P.O.W.E.R. (opposed to waste discharge requirements)
- Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Baykeeper (support staff recommendation)
- Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay (support staff recommendation)

Board questions, discussion, and concerns:

- Asked for clarification as to what type of irrigation the water is being used for
- Time frame for the 190 mg/l limit?
- Asked for clarification on results of the studies for the permit
- What happens if the ground water increases?

After many questions and much discussion by the Board, there was a motion.

MOTION: To approve the waste discharge requirements and water recycling requirements with the following changes:

Add:

“or other requirements” into the Glendale reopener on page 13a-15R.

Number the existing reopener paragraph 1.

Add paragraph 2.

The City of Los Angeles, Heal the Bay, and Regional Board staff will convene a workgroup to determine the best approach to addressing the competing issues associated with promoting water recycling and protecting groundwater in Los Angeles County. This order and the related Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reopened by June 15, 2008. In the interim: (a) The groundwater monitoring requirements shall be stayed; (b) The permittee will not be required to design or construct additional wells to comply with the aforesaid monitoring requirements; and (c) The trigger mechanisms, set forth in section 1, paragraph 5, shall be stayed.

All other provisions and requirements of this order, the Monitoring and Reporting Program, and the Water Reclamation Requirements shall remain in effect.

First: Board Member Brad Mindlin

Second: Board Member Maribel Marin

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m. Minutes adopted at the March 1, 2007 Board meeting.

Written and submitted by: _____

